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Application Process for Ethics Commission Reopened

The Judicial Council has reopened its application process for anticipated vacancies on the State Ethics Commission. The vacancies will occur on June 30, 2002, when the terms of current commission members Cassandra J. L. Abdul and Dawn Suyenaga expire. Suyenaga is eligible for reappointment for a term of four years.

Applicants must be United States citizens, residents of the State of Hawai`i, and may not hold any other public office. The Ethics Commission regulates the ethics of all legislators, registered lobbyists, and state employees (with the exception of judges, who are governed by the Commission on Judicial Conduct). The Ethics Commission is responsible for investigating complaints, providing advisory opinions, and enforcing decisions issued by the Commission. The Hawai`i State Constitution prohibits members of the Ethics Commission "from taking an active part in political managements or political campaigns."

Interested persons should submit an application, along with a resume and three letters of recommendation (attesting to the applicant's character and integrity) no later than the close of business on **June 10, 2002** to: Judicial Council, Hawai`i Supreme Court, 417 South King Street, Second Floor, Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813-2902.

Download the <u>form application (109 KB PDF)</u> or get copies of the form at the Public Affairs Office, Room 206-C, Ali`iolani Hale, 417 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813. *Form requires <u>Adobe Acrobat Reader</u>*, which is free.

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